

# YOUTHFUL OFFENDER PAROLE BOARD

## INITIAL APPEARANCE HEARINGS

### 2001

The following tables present information on the actions of the Youthful Offender Parole Board (YOPB) at Initial Appearance hearings during 2001. Any offender committed to the Youth Authority must appear before the YOPB after admission. At the time of this initial hearing, the Board determines the offender's offense category, parole consideration date (PCD) under established guidelines, and recommended program. During 2001, the YOPB conducted a total of 2,522 Initial Appearance hearings.

Depending upon the circumstances of the offense, a Supplemental Initial Appearance hearing may be conducted at which a PCD can be extended or reduced. During 2001, the YOPB held 94 Supplemental hearings.

The time from the offender's acceptance by the Youth Authority to the PCD given by the YOPB is referred to as the PCD interval. Table 1 summarizes PCD intervals given at Initial Appearance hearings, while Table 2 summarizes PCD modifications made at Supplemental Initial hearings.

The YOPB has established seven categories of offenses (Board Hearing Categories) in order of seriousness, with Category I being the most serious. The YOPB has also established PCD guidelines for each category, e.g., 84 months for Category I. Deviations are allowed based on the circumstances of each offense.

An offense may be listed in more than one category, depending upon the circumstances of the crime. For example, burglary while armed with a dangerous or deadly weapon *and* with substantial injury is in Category III; burglary while armed with a dangerous or deadly weapon *or* resulting in substantial injury is in Category IV; first degree burglary is in Category V; and second degree burglary is in Category VI.

The tables show the baseline PCD guidelines in effect in 2001; the number and percentage of offenders in each category; the average PCD time given for each category and offense; and for initial PCD's only, the number of offenders whose PCD interval was below, at, or above the baseline PCD guidelines.

**Please note:** Though technically a part of Category VII, parole violator returns are displayed separately.

TABLE 1  
PAROLE CONSIDERATION DATE INTERVALS AT INITIAL APPEARANCE HEARINGS  
BY YOPB CATEGORY AND COMMITMENT OFFENSE  
2001

YOPB CATEGORY AND COMMITMENT OFFENSE	TOTAL HEARINGS	PERCENT	AVERAGE MONTHS	BELOW GUIDELINE	AT GUIDELINE	ABOVE GUIDELINE
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,522</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>825</b>
<b>Total First Commitments</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>730</b>
<b>Category I (84 months)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>
Murder 1st	-	-	-	-	-	-
Murder 2nd	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnap (Death/Great Bodily Injury)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	9	-	-	3	6	-
<b>Category II (48 months)</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>14</b>
Voluntary Manslaughter	7	-	49.1	1	3	3
Attempt/Assault to Murder	28	-	48.8	1	21	6
Rape	11	-	42.4	4	6	1
Child Molesting	81	-	41.3	39	38	4
Others	4	-	34.3	2	2	-
<b>Category III (36 months)</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>26</b>
Robbery (Enhanced)	16	-	35.6	3	8	5
Robbery (Unenhanced)	10	-	37.2	-	8	2
Carjacking	31	-	36.4	5	17	9
Aggravated Assault	8	-	36.4	2	2	4
Rape	13	-	35.5	3	5	5
Sex Perversion	8	-	29.4	6	2	-
Others	15	-	34.4	2	12	1
<b>Category IV (24 months)</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>122</b>
Robbery (Enhanced)	61	-	25.0	6	39	16
Robbery (Unenhanced)	73	-	24.4	17	29	27
Aggravated Assault	146	-	24.9	31	60	55
Discharge/Display Weapon	11	-	25.1	-	9	2
Burglary First Degree	28	-	23.8	8	11	9
Grand Theft, Person (Enhanced)	6	-	23.8	1	4	1
Narcotics Offenses	50	-	21.9	18	29	3
Arson	11	-	22.5	4	5	2
Others	22	-	24.5	5	10	7
<b>Category V (18 months)</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>131</b>
Robbery (Unenhanced)	92	-	18.9	13	53	26
Aggravated Assault	67	-	20.3	5	34	28
Battery	57	-	19.8	5	29	23
Burglary (1 <sup>st</sup> Degree)	150	-	18.9	22	90	38
Burglary (2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree)	6	-	19.0	-	5	1
Grand Theft	20	-	17.3	5	13	2
Auto Theft	6	-	19.3	2	2	2
Others	30	-	19.9	3	16	11
<b>Category VI (12 months)</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>404</b>
Robbery (Unenhanced)	5	-	16.8	-	1	5
Battery	36	-	16.7	-	1	35
Burglary (1 <sup>st</sup> Degree)	5	-	16.4	-	-	5
Burglary (2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree)	88	-	16.5	1	4	83
Grand Theft	17	-	16.1	1	1	15
Receiving Stolen Property	40	-	16.3	-	2	38
Auto Theft	114	-	16.1	2	2	110
Narcotics Offenses	21	-	16.3	-	-	21
Firearms	62	-	16.4	-	2	60
Others	36	-	15.6	2	2	32
<b>Category VII (0-12 months)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>33</b>
Battery	10	-	12.0	-	4	6
Auto Theft	7	-	14.6	-	2	5
Others	37	-	13.2	-	15	22
<b>Parole Violator Returns (0-12 months)</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Recommitments</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>22.9</b>			

TABLE 2  
PAROLE CONSIDERATION DATE MODIFICATIONS AT SUPPLEMENTAL INITIAL APPEARANCE HEARINGS  
BY YOPB CATEGORY AND COMMITMENT OFFENSE

2001			
YOPB CATEGORY AND COMMITMENT OFFENSE	TOTAL HEARINGS	PERCENT	AVERAGE MONTHS
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Total First Commitments</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Category I</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>15.0</b>
Murder 1st	-		-
Murder 2nd	-		-
Kidnap (Death/Great Bodily Injury)	-		-
Others	2		15.0
<b>Category II</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>9.6</b>
Voluntary Manslaughter	-		-
Rape (In concert or Great Bodily Injury)	-		-
Sex Perversion	-		-
Child Molesting	6		10.0
Kidnap (Ransom)	-		-
Others	4		9.0
<b>Category III</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>11.4</b>
Sex Perversion	-		-
Rape	-		-
Kidnap (Robbery)	-		-
Robbery (Armed and Great Bodily Injury, etc.)	-		-
Mayhem/Assault	-		-
Burglary (Armed and Great Bodily Injury)	-		-
Vehicular Manslaughter	-		-
Shooting Into Occupied Vehicle/Dwelling (GBI)	-		-
Others	7		11.4
<b>Category IV</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>8.1</b>
Manslaughter (Vehicular/Involuntary)	-		-
Robbery (Unenhanced)	6		9.0
Attempted Sexual Assault	-		-
Grand Theft, Person (Enhanced)	-		-
Burglary (Enhanced)	-		-
Arson	-		-
Narcotics Offenses	-		-
Assault (Great Bodily Injury)	20		8.5
Shooting Into Occupied Vehicle/Dwelling	-		-
Others	12		7.0
<b>Category V</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>7.3</b>
Assault	-		-
Battery	7		7.7
Robbery	-		-
Grand Theft (Person)	-		-
Burglary (1st Degree)	6		5.7
Arson	-		-
Others	14		7.9
<b>Category VI</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>
Firearms	-		-
Bombs	-		-
Arson	-		-
Burglary (2nd Degree)	-		-
Others	8		6.5
<b>Category VII</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>6.0</b>
Auto Theft	-		-
Receiving Stolen Property	-		-
Drug Offenses	-		-
Others	2		6.0
<b>Parole Violator Returns</b>	-	-	-
<b>Recommitments</b>	-		-